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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same numbers respectively:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A recording medium comprising:  
a nonvolatile recording area for storing data;  
an update notification part for updating update information of the time of writing or erasing of data to said recording area and holding said update information;

a host interface part for communicating with a data processing apparatus; and

a controller for reading and writing data from and to said recording area and supplying the data in said recording area and said update information to said data processing apparatus via said host interface part,

wherein update information in said update notification part can be read from said data processing apparatus and cannot be written by said data processing apparatus, and

update information in said update notification part is updated only immediately before data of said recording area is

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first updated after initialization processing of said recording medium.

Claims 2-10 (Cancelled):

Claim 11 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said recording area includes: a data storage area which stores one or more pieces of data; and a search information storage area which stores search information required when the data processing apparatus takes out each data stored in said data storage area, and

at least one of said data storage areas has a field for storing update information in said update notification part.

Claim 12 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said recording area includes: a data storage area which stores one or more pieces of data; and a search information storage area which stores search information required when the data processing apparatus takes out each data stored in said data storage area, and

said search information storage area has the field for storing update information in said update notification part immediately after said data is updated.

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Claim 13 (Cancelled):

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A data processing method, wherein a recording medium includes: a nonvolatile recording area for storing data; an update notification part for holding update information of data; and a controller for reading and writing data from and to said recording area and supplying the data in said recording area and said update information to a data processing apparatus, and

said data processing apparatus includes: a slot to which said recording medium is attached; and a data processor for reading data of said recording medium attached to said slot and temporarily storing the data and performing a data processing on the basis of update information read from said recording medium in said update notification part, comprising the steps of:

making it possible for update information in said update notification part to be read from said data processing apparatus and impossible for update information to be written by said data processing apparatus; [[and]]

updating said update information by said controller at the time of writing or erasing of data to said recording area; and

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determining whether or not data of said recording area in  
said recording medium has been updated after said data was  
recorded by determining whether or not update information of  
field in the recording area read from said recording medium  
corresponds to update information in said update notification  
part read from said recording medium.

Claims 15-20 (Cancelled):